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WASHINGTON (BP)--**The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** commended President Obama for issuing sanctions against Iranian government leaders involved in violations of religious freedom and other human rights.

The White House announced Sept. 29 the president's executive order authorizing sanctions against eight senior officials in Iran's Islamic regime who, based on credible evidence, participated in "serious human rights abuses" before or during that country's 2009 presidential election.